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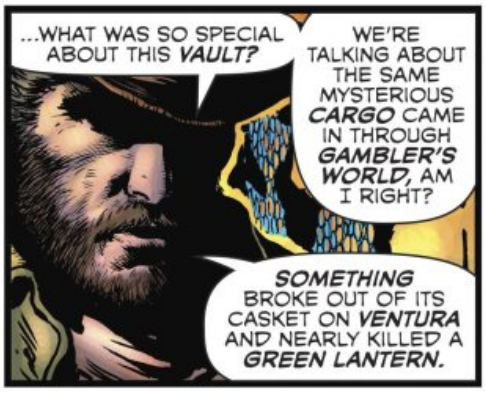
WELCOME, TWICE WELCOME.
CONTROLLER MU Sent you, as ALWAYS, MORE THAN MANY TIMES, since the ANT-SISTERS DAYS.
It is our SOLEMN TRADITION to hear you and always to REPEAT.
Your Request CANNOT be granted.
NOTHING Can change The will of the GRAND ASSEMBLY.
So has EVER it been, so shall it--it--
What-- Oh, what are you...?
OH NO.

THE TIME FOR CLEMENCY HAS *PASSED.*
YOUR PEOPLE WERE GIVEN *SEVERAL* OPPORTUNITIES TO COMPLY WITH OUR DEMANDS AND YOU *RESISTED.*
NOW FACE THE CONSEQUENCES.
Spare us.
WILD SUN-EATERS WILL CONSUME AN *M-SEQUENCE* STAR LIKE YOURS IN A MATTER OF *WEEKS.*
THESE ROYAL BLOODS ARE STRONGER, FASTER, HUNGRIER.

I CAN STILL TEACH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY HOW TO SURVIVE WHAT IS TO COME.
BUT YOU MUST DO AS I SAY.
NO ONE IS COMING TO SAVE YOU.
We made VOW!
We made ant-sisters impeccable PLEDGE long, long ago.
Our gods will DESERT us and all the stars in the sky will DIE if we dare open that door!
THERE ARE NO GODS.
THERE NEVER WERE.
AND THE STAR THAT IS BEING TORN TO BITS IS YOUR OWN.
OPEN THE VAULT!

...SHE THEN SPOKE WITH THEM--IT TOOK ONLY MINUTES.
THE COUNTESS TAUGHT THE ROYAL FAMILY OF WEIRWIMM HOW TO SURVIVE A LITTLE LONGER IN THE DARK BY CANNIBALIZING THE LESS FORTUNATE OF THEIR RACE.
SHE MADE MONSTERS OF THEM BEFORE THE END.
SEE NOW, THAT'S WHO I NEED TO MEET WITH.
YOU SAID YOU COULD HOOK ME UP WITH THE BLACKSTARS.
I HEAR YOUR PEOPLE ARE RECRUITING.
SO HOW ABOUT YOU JUST TAKE ME TO THE TOP?
YOU'RE ASKING A LOT FOR A MAN WITH NO NAME.
IT'S IMPORTANT YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE DEALING WITH.
MY KIN ARE THE EATERS OF STARS...
...I AM FIRST HIGHBORN OF THE LUCIPHAGE.
YOUR WORLD MEANS NO MORE TO ME THAN--HMM--
--THAN BREAKFAST.
OPEN THE VAULT!
THAT'S BETTER.

THEN IT'S TRUE.
IT'S REAL...
I REALLY DON'T LIKE THIS--
THE ATMOSPHERE OF DREAD IS-- IS OVER-WHELMING.
DON'T YOU FEEL IT?
Ant-sisters stopped a WRONG-MAN coming through.
He is him from the INSIDE-OUT!
He is ALL THINGS DONE WRONG!
THEN LET IT BE DONE.
BRING IT ALL DOWN!
BRING DOWN THE HEAVENS.



THREE GREEN LANTERNS RECEIVED THE CALL--

THREE BOLD EMERALD KNIGHTS OF THE CORPS.

PLANET'S DYING!
TAGORT, HOW SOON CAN WE GET AN ARTIFICIAL SUN OUT HERE?
SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO!
I'M ON IT!
LANTERN HYPERIA-3 IS A STELLAR A.I. OR "SMART-STAR" CURRENTLY PATROLLING SECTOR 816.
RENDEZVOUS IN TWO HOURS, EARTH RELATIVE.
MESSAGE HAS BEEN DISPATCHED.
WHAT NOW, LANTERN JORDAN?
NOW WE HAVE TWO HOURS TO SAVE THE DAY.

...WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?
WILL YOU LOOK AT THAT?
SANDSTORMERS AND FIREFOLK-- MANAGEABLE ON THEIR OWN UNTIL THEY FUSE TO FORM BATTLING GLASS GIANTS.
ADAM STRANGE USUALLY HANDLES THAT KIND OF THING.
THE SO-CALLED PROTECTOR OF RANN HAS OTHER THINGS ON HIS MIND, I HEAR.
BUT TELL ME MORE ABOUT THE SUN-EATERS.
UH-OH.
THOSE LIGHTS COMING OUR WAY...
...HOW DOES IT KNOW WE'RE HERE...?

...THREE GREEN LANTERNS AGAINST A HUNGRY ADULT SUN-EATER?
TAGORT, NO!
YOUR RING'S PURE ENERGY!
LIKE A SWEET TREAT--
A WHUHHH???
POWER DRAINING 36 PERCENT--
NO!
STOP!
MUST BE A WAY OUT OF THIS!
GET ME OUTTA THIS!
POWER DRAINING 15 PER-CENT--

UH-OH--
--I'M INSIDE A SUN-EATER--
POWER DRAINING 6 PERCENT--
POWER DRAINING-- LIFE SUPPORT CRITICAL--
MUSS BE--AH--AH--
AH.

STAY WITH ME, TAGORT!
GNNAHH!
GET THE HELL!
OFF!

...KILLED, YOU SAY?
GRAND-FATHER BLOVIATRAUM, DEAD?
AT THE HANDS OF THIS GREEN LANTERN.
LANTERNS TRACKED THE SUN-EATER'S RADIATION TRAIL.
EVER HEARD OF CRASSIUS QWIPE-6?
NEW TO ME.
...QWIPE-6.
CRASSIUS.
AUFF!
OFFICER, PUH-PLEASE!
YOU HAVE THE WRONG FELLOW!
I'VE COMMITTED NO CRIMES!
SURE.
I RANDOMLY PICKED ON THE WRONG TRADER OF ENDANGERED AND PROTECTED SPECIES IN THE RIGEL DEPENDENCY.
TELL ME ABOUT THE ADULT SUN-EATERS YOU SMUGGLED IN FROM THE NO-ZONE.
...HEH, YOU MEAN--THE ROYAL TWINS?
THE BREEDING PAIR?
OH INDEED, THAT'S RIGHT, SPACE POLICE...

THOUGHT WE COULD USE A ***GRAVITY HARNESS,*** BOYS AND GIRLS AND OTHERS...

...TURNS OUT THE FUN'S ONLY JUST ***BEGUN.***

THE CONTROLLERS USED ***SELECTIVE MUTATION*** TO CREATE HYPER-AGGRESSIVE ***STAR-KILLERS.***

WE'RE LOOKING AT A PREGNANT ***SUN-EATER,*** ENGINEERED FOR ***HOSTILITY***--HEADING FOR THE ***STELLAR NURSERY*** IN THE ***EAGLE NEBULA.***

SHE'LL WANT TO ***EAT,*** THEN ***SPAWN,*** WHICH MEANS NO STAR OR SYSTEM WITHIN ***TWENTY PARSECS*** IS ***SAFE.***

WELL?

I'M SORRY, JORDANrmmm, BUT WE HAVE ORDRRmmbERS FROMmm THE ***GUARDIANS*** TO ESCORTa-puk-ta-puk YOU BACK TO ***OA.***

IT'S ABOUT THE grrmmbll INCIDENT WITH THE ***DHORIAN*** puk-PRISONER, ***VOLGAR ZO.***

JORDAN, I'D HAVE DONE THE ***SAME THING,*** BUT THAT'S--THAT'S NOT THE POINT...

JORDAN?

EITHER WE GO TO WORK, OR PEOPLE ***DIE.***

I ***HEAR*** YOU--BUT THE GUARDIANS ARE IMMORTAL.

THEY CAN ***WAIT.***

WHAT NOW?
THE SUN-EATER'S ABOUT TO SPAWN!
HOW DO WE STOP IT?
FIRST WE GET ITS ATTENTION AWAY FROM THE BABY SUNS.
YOU SAW WHAT HAPPENED TO TAGORT.
THEY'RE ATTRACTED TO THE HIGH ENERGY OUTPUT OF OUR RINGS.
ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS GENERATE A PLASMA FIELD TO MIMIC A STAR.
ALL WE HAVE TO DO?
WE USE UPpp-kkss THAT MUCH JUICE, THE RrrrmblRINGS WILL bok-bok-BURN OUT IN MINUTES, JORDAN!
THESE RINGS RUN ON WILLPOWER.
GIVE 'EM THAT LITTLE EXTRA, THEY'LL GIVE IT RIGHT BACK.
YOU WITH ME, LANTERNS?
WISH UPON A STAR.

...WITH THEIR RINGS, THEY MADE A SUN?
A DECOY SUN.
IT TOOK A LOT OF EFFORT--
BUT YEAH.
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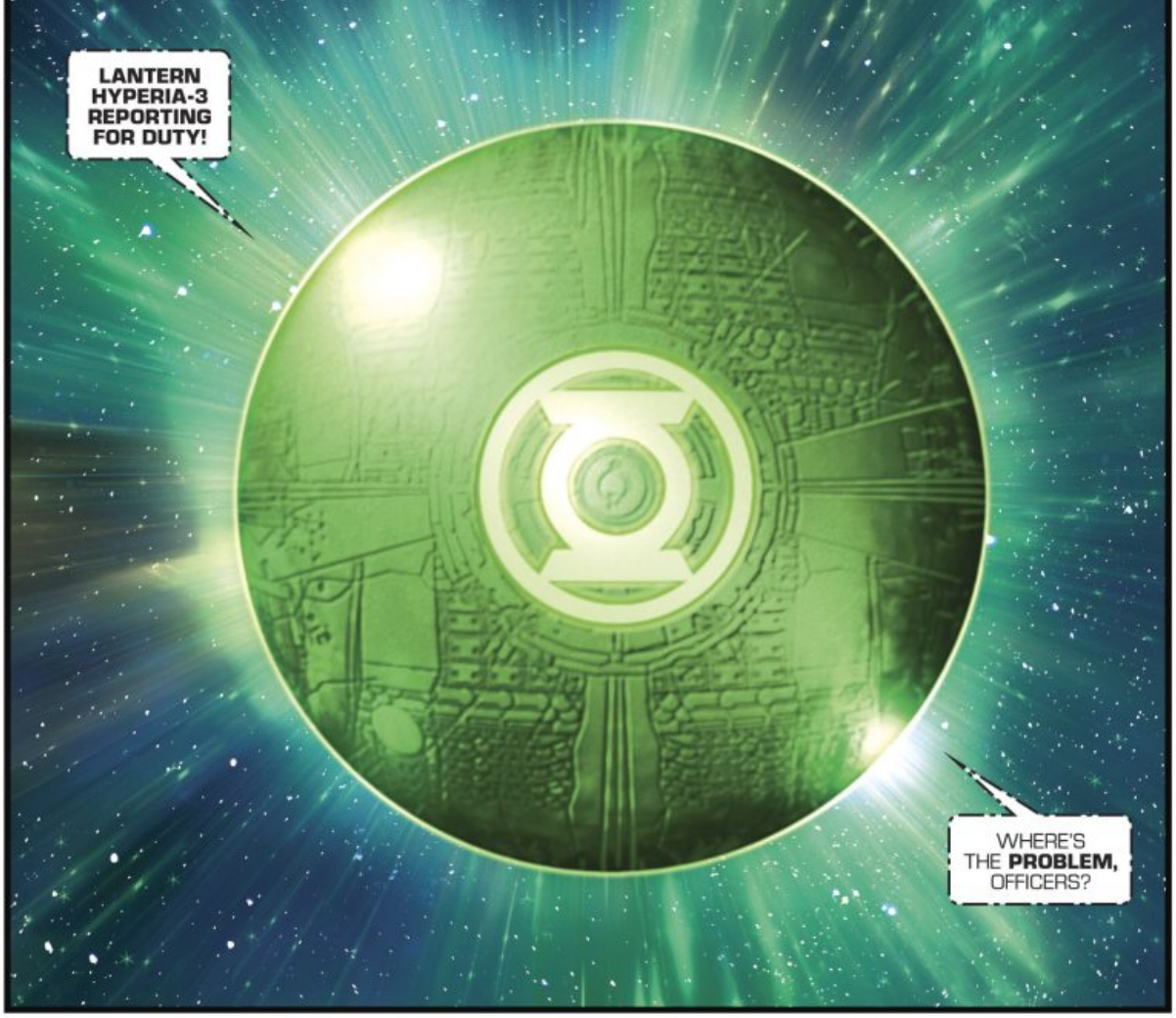
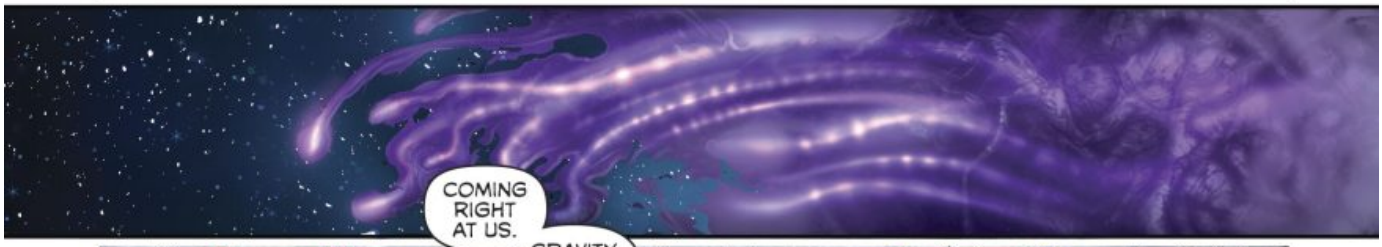
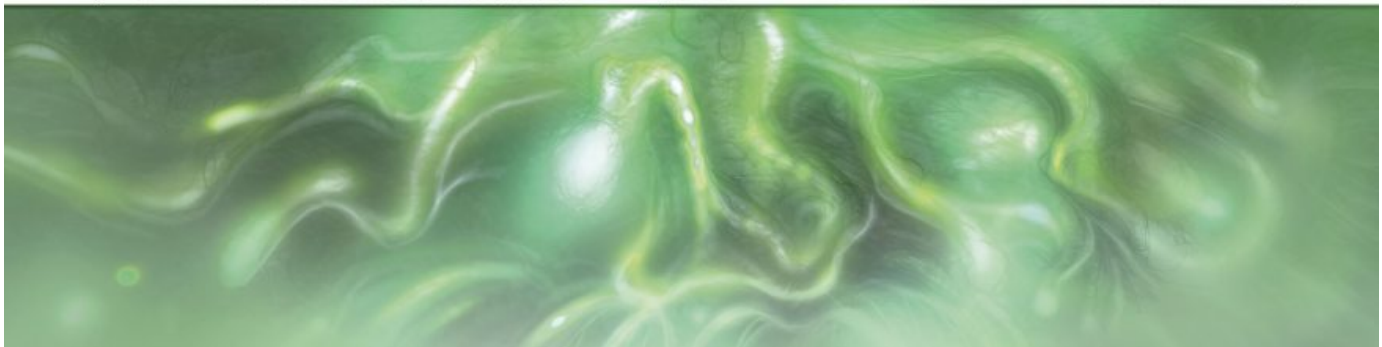
I CAN'T HOLD IT!
WE NEED MORE ENERGY!
IT'S ON ITS WAY!
GIMME ONE MORE MINUTE, OUR TWO HOURS ARE UP--
HYPERIA-3 INCOMING...!

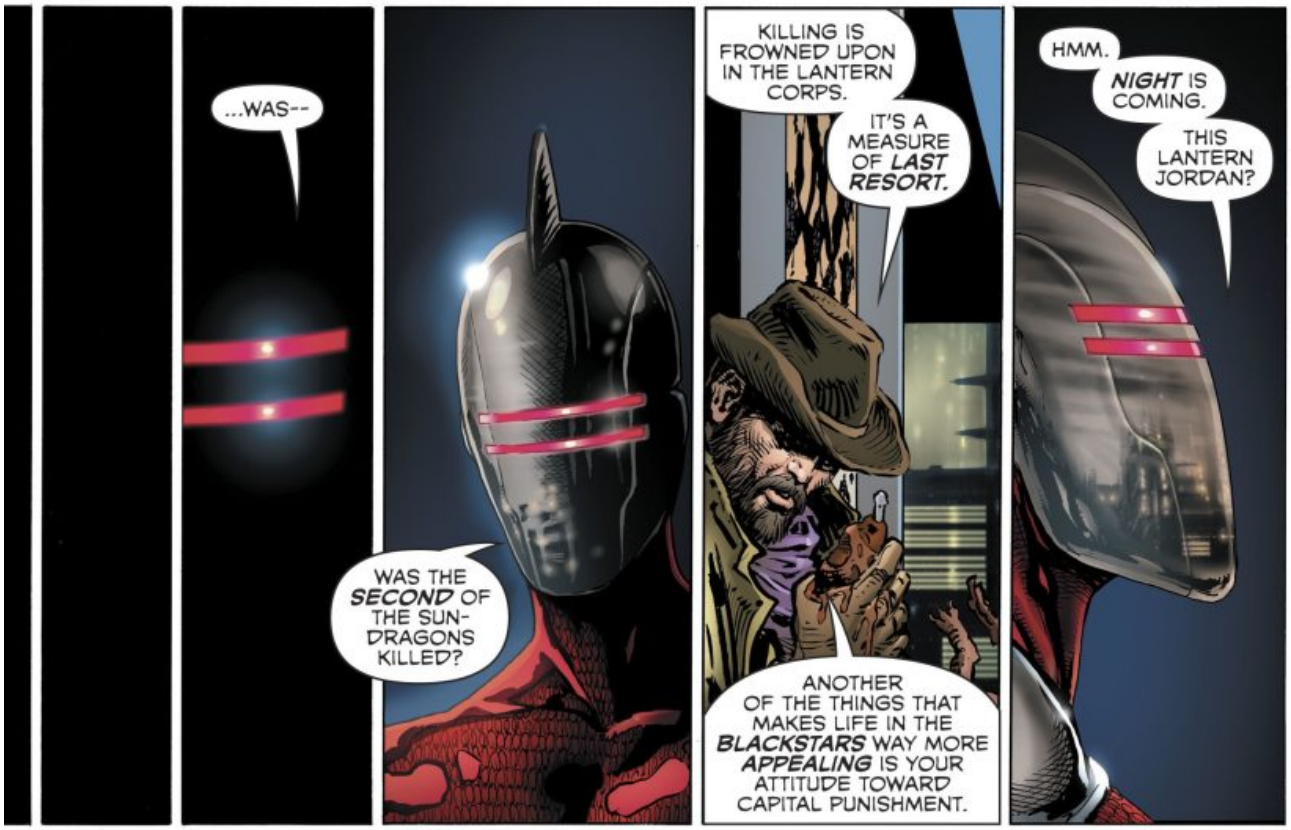

LANTERN HYPERIA-3 REPORTING FOR DUTY!
WHERE'S THE **PROBLEM,** OFFICERS?



COMING RIGHT AT US.
GRAVITY HARNESS READY!
ALL *YOURS,* SUNSHINE!

SHIELD YOUR EYES, OFFICERS!




...WAS--
WAS THE SECOND OF THE SUN-DRAGONS KILLED?
KILLING IS FROWNED UPON IN THE LANTERN CORPS.
IT'S A MEASURE OF LAST RESORT.
ANOTHER OF THE THINGS THAT MAKES LIFE IN THE BLACKSTARS WAY MORE APPEALING IS YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARD CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.
HMM.
NIGHT IS COMING.
THIS LANTERN JORDAN?

HE SPARED THE SUN-EATER?
I HEAR SHE'S ALIVE FOR NOW-- HIBERNATING--
SOMEWHERE DEEP AND COLD AND DARK.
ONE MORE CHIP TO BARGAIN WITH, RIGHT?
WHAT BECAME OF THIS GREEN LANTERN, WHO SLEW LORDLY BLOVIATRAUM AND CHAINED TIAMATHRO-DON.
HOW WAS HE REWARDED?
REWARDED? ARE YOU KIDDING ME?
JORDAN WAS SUMMONED TO APPEAR BEFORE HIS SUPERIORS.
THE GUARDIANS OF THE UNIVERSE.

...THE DHORIAN SLAVER YOU ASSASSINATED WAS VOLGAR ZO, HEIR TO THE CLAN ZO HATCH-LEGACY.
WE WERE CLOSE TO A DEAL.
A TREATY WITH THE ANTARES CORRIDOR THAT WOULD HAVE ENDED THE SLAVE TRADE AND SAVED LIVES IN THE FUTURE.
UNTIL YOU TOOK IT UPON YOURSELF TO KILL VOLGAR ZO.
WHO WAS UNARMED AT THE TIME.
WE ALONE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO SANCTION USE OF LETHAL FORCE!
YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO TAKE MATTERS INTO YOUR OWN HANDS ANY LONGER.
WE DEMAND LAW.
DUE PROCESS.
WE EXPECT OBEDIENCE.
YOU PUT YOUR HOME PLANET EARTH UNDER PROTECTIVE CUSTODY?
THE INHABITANTS WERE DRUNK IN CHARGE OF A PLANET.
THEY WERE JEOPARDIZING THEIR OWN LIVES AND THOSE OF FUTURE GENERATIONS...

ENOUGH!
LANTERNS STEWART, BAZ AND CRUZ WILL TAKE CARE OF MATTERS ON EARTH.
LANTERNS VOLK AND ASH-PAK-GLIF WILL ESCORT YOU TO YOUR BIRTHWORLD, OR ANOTHER PLANET OF YOUR CHOOSING, PENDING INVESTIGATION AND A FULL PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION.
SORRY, JORDAN...
DITTO.
I'D LIKE IT ON THE RECORD THAT LANTERN JORDAN LAID HIS LIFE ON THE LINE FOR MY PARTNER, LANTERN TAGORT.
NOTED, LANTERN VENIZZ.
THAT WILL BE ALL.

...THEY THREW HIM OUT.
FOR DOING HIS DUTY?
SEE.
THE SUNS ARE ALMOST DOWN, HOW BEAUTIFUL.
YOU HAVEN'T EATEN A THING.
I WILL FEED--
SOON ENOUGH.

WELL, I'M DONE.
SO, IF YOU COULD, Y'KNOW, TAKE ME TO YOUR LEADER SOMETIME SOON.
NOT YET.
I HAVE NOT TOLD YOU HOW PLANET WEIRWIMM MET ITS END.
THERE WAS NO COMPASSION IN IT.
THE COUNTESS BELZEBETH DESCENDED WITH HER MECHANIX, HER LIVING MACHINERY.
AND FED... AS IS HER NATURE...

I GET IT.
SHE'S A FORMIDABLE LADY--

SHE IS A FORCE OF NATURE!
SHE IS OUR COMMANDER.

YOU SEEK THE BLACKSTARS?

I AM THE BLACK-STAR.
I FEED ON LIGHT.

AND YOU...
I KNOW WHO YOU ARE.

HAL JORDAN--
THE GREEN LANTERN.

YOU GOT ME.
HOW SHOULD I ADDRESS YOU, YOUR HIGHNESS...?

I AM THE COUNTESS BELZEBETH.
AND YOU--
YOU WERE WRONG TO COME HERE.
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ALLOW ME TO DISAGREE.
SEE, I'M HERE TO JOIN YOU.
AND I'LL EVEN THROW IN THE RING FOR FREE...
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INTERVIEW WITH *WONDER TWINS* ARTIST STEPHEN BYRNE

WONDER TWINS

What are you most excited about?
I'm excited about working on Mark's wonderfully bonkers scripts. There's so much imagination in them. It makes it a lot of fun to bring them to life, and see what madness Mark has cooked up for me on each page.

Are you approaching this differently than you approached your previous work?
The tone of the scripts is so quirky and unique, so I'm just trying to make the art live up to the words on the page.

How do you find the balance in keeping these characters fresh while sticking to their legacies?
When it comes to the costume and character design, I experimented with a few different looks. I think some of the concepts I did were overly trendy and cool, and I found that my favorite look was the one that was closest to their original costumes. I made just a few small updates to make them feel more at home in the modern DC Universe. I wanted to pay homage to their retro hair and sideburns, but give them slightly less crazy-looking hairstyles.

Were you previously a fan of these characters?
I knew the Wonder Twins. To me they are as iconic as Superman, Batman and Wonder Woman because of the old cartoons. I think their image has persisted in pop culture over the decades, but they haven't had a fair shake in comic books for quite some time, so it's really cool to be able to put our stamp on something so recognizable but with so much untapped potential.

Why should fans check it out?
If you like weird, funny, emotional, unpredictable superhero stories, then this is the comic for you.

Describe this book in seven words (or fewer).
Teenage alien fish out of water.

What does a first-time reader need to know before picking up this title?
Nothing. This is the perfect time to get to know the Wonder Twins for the first time.

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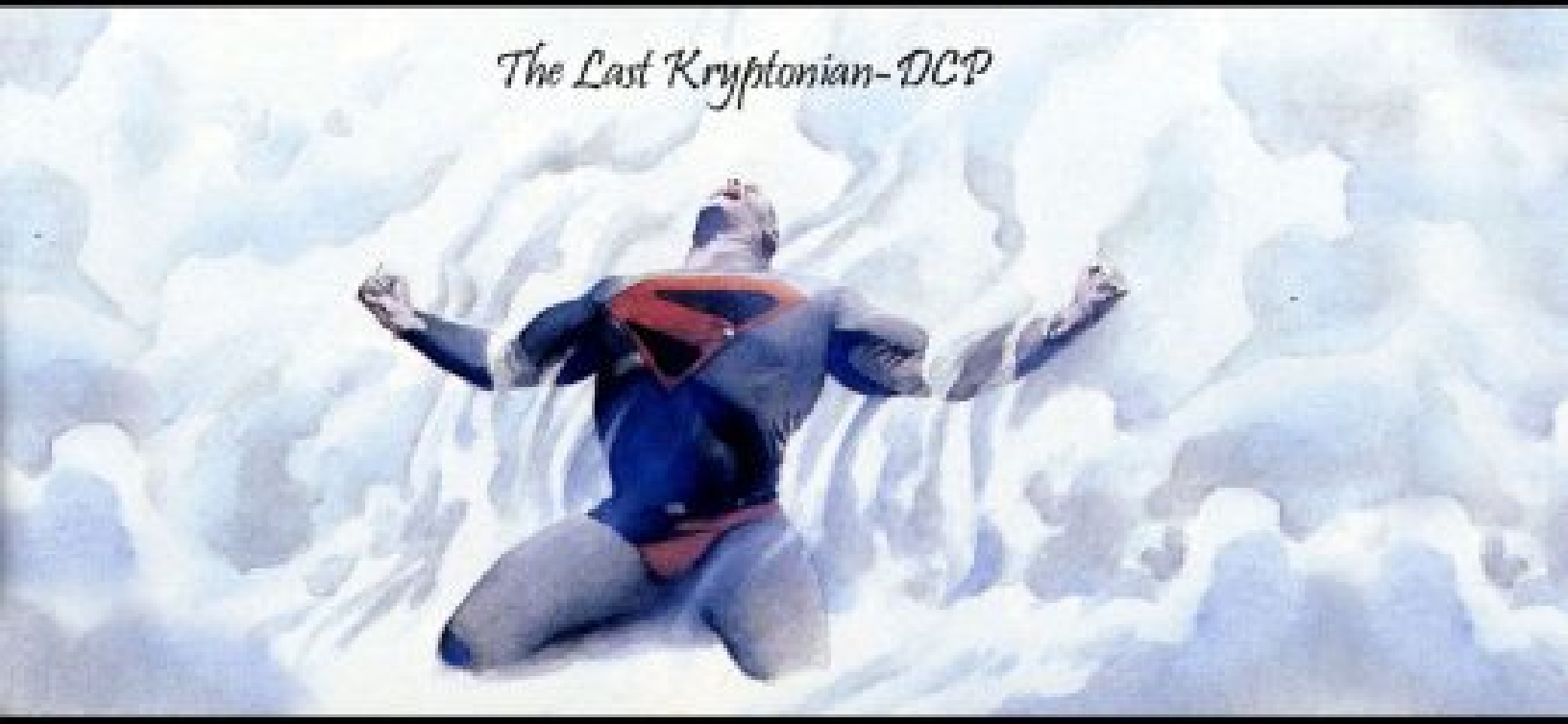
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